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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION: AUSTRALIAN POLICY

1. DURING CALL BY AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL APRIL 16,
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SNEIDER URGED AUSTRALIAN
SUPPORT TO OPPOSE NK APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP.
AMONG ARGUMENTS MADE, SNEIDER POINTED OUT NK MEMBERSHIP
IN WHO WOULD HAVE DESTABILIZING EFFECT IN KOREA, MAKING
BOTH SIDES MORE INTRANSIGENT IN NORTH/ SOUTH TALKS.
FURTHERMORE, POLITICAL ISSUE, SUCH AS POSED BY NK WHO
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH FIRST
BY UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, BUT RATHER FLOW FROM ACTION
IN UNGA. SNEIDER EMPHASIZED MAJOR US OBJECTIVE IN CURRENT
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INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE IS TO REDUCE TENSION AND ACHIEVE
MORE STABLE SITUATION IN KOREA. TO THIS END, ACTION
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE, RATHER THAN DISCOURAGE,
NORTH AND SOUTH TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS BILATERALLY.
NK ENTRY IN WHO WOULD HAVE CONTRARY EFFECT.

2. PLIMSOLL THOUGHT GOA MIGHT BE CONSIDERING ABSENTENTION
ON WHO VOTE, BUT HE WOULD URGE CANBERRA TO SUPPORT ROK
AT WHA.

3. PLIMSOLL ASKED ABOUT US POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE AT
UNGA. SNEIDER SAID THAT PROBLEM STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION
AS WE ANALYZE PROSPECTS AND OPTIONS. ROGERS

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